

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, and examination and consideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 and § 1.112, and in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Amendments

New claims 34-36 are dependent claims reciting the respective method wherein a composite magnetic body, such as shown in Fig. 7B, is made. No new matter is presented, and all are believed to be within the elected Group.

While traversal is made of the Restriction requirement, claims 27-33 drawn to the non-elected groups, are hereby cancelled subject to withdrawal or modification of the Restriction requirement.

Restriction

Claims 1 and 17-33 stand subject to Restriction among: Group I, claims 1 and 17-26, drawn to a method of making; Group II, claims 27-29, drawn to a composite body product; and Group III, claims 30-33, drawn to a laminated composite body product. Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I.

The Office action supposes that the patentability of the claimed product is not novel because the use of binder and magnetic powder to make various products is known. Nevertheless, for example, the claimed process step of making the powder to be free from stress strain could produce a composite body where novelty is found in the absence of stress strain in the powder present in the body so made, or where the claim further recites pressing a plurality of said bodies, again the presence of powder in the laminate structure in a stress strain free state. In both cases, were novelty to be found in the absence of stress strain in the powder present in the product, then unity would be found because the same technical feature (powder without stress strain) is found in all of the claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction requirement is believed to be warranted.